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In re Application of: **Zhao, et al.**

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Examiner: Diaz, Jose R.

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For: **Damascene Interconnect Structure and
Fabrication Method Having Air Gaps
Between Metal Lines and Metal Layers**

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO *ADVISORY ACTION*

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Honorable Commissioner for Patents

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Dear Sir/Madam:

This is in response to the *Advisory Action* dated July 8, 2005 in the above-referenced patent application. Please enter and consider the following amendments and remarks in light of the attached *Request for Continued Examination* filed under 37 CFR §1.114 in the above-identified application.